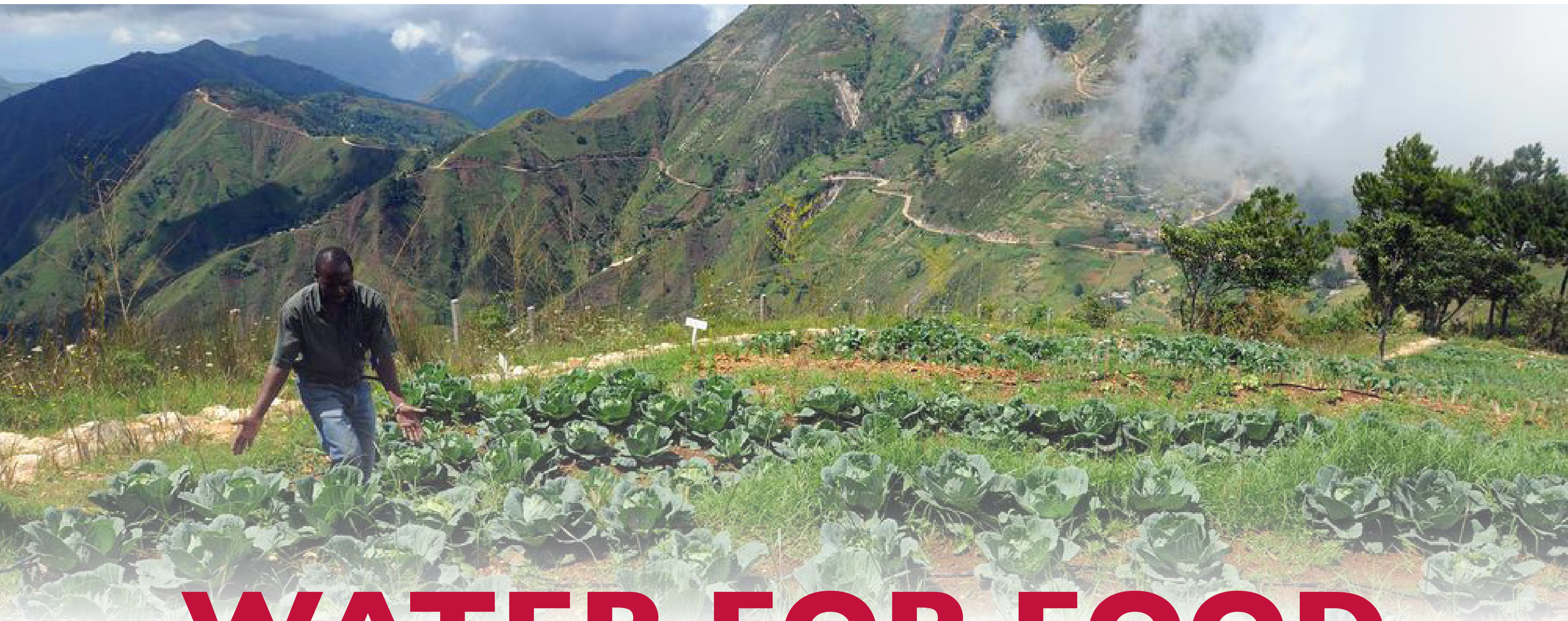




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# WATER FOR FOOD

## FEED THE FUTURE WEST (FORMERLY WINNER) — HAITI

### CHALLENGE

About 60 percent of Haiti's 10 million people are farmers, yet the country still imports more than 50 percent of its food. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), approximately 80 percent of Haiti's population lives below the poverty line, and more than 60 percent cannot access sufficient food to eat due to lack of production and income. Farmers need help protecting their land against extreme weather, preventing soil erosion, and improving agricultural productivity.

#### FEED THE FUTURE WEST

**LOCATION:** Haiti  
**DURATION:** 2009-2014  
**FUNDING:** \$127 million  
**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:**  
Chemonics International

### APPROACH

Feed the Future West (FTF-West) is a multi-sector program that gathers farmers, NGOs, agribusinesses, and government actors to comprehensively increase productivity and post-harvest efficiency through integrated activities. These groups work together to holistically improve the management and protection of the corridors' key watersheds and to strengthen agriculture markets. FTF-West's reforestation and grass planting efforts are critical to stabilizing hillsides and keeping rivers and canals flowing below. This complements the efforts to dredge irrigation canals and widen waterways in the valleys. FTF-West is training farmers in modern farming techniques and providing them with access to innovative scientific and technological advances. The program has also introduced vertical agriculture and greenhouses, which use smaller areas to gain higher yields.

### IMPACT

- In 2012, average production of corn increased by 341 percent, beans by 100 percent, and rice by 128 percent.
- Increases in productivity yielded \$9 million in gross margin for farmers and total sales of over \$14 million in 2012.
- More than 850 master farmers graduated; 27 percent women.
- Over 36 kilometers of ravines were treated and 63,000 cubic meters of gabions and dry wall installed, resulting in the retention of 164,300 cubic meters of sediments.



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